

# State of Washington

## Activity Summary By Agency

**Agency: Department of Health****2001-03 Biennium Estimated Expenditures**

<u>General Fund</u>				<u>Annual</u>
<u>State</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Totals</u>		<u>FTEs</u>
\$11,038,147	\$20,327,894	\$31,366,041		159.8

**Activity / Function:** Agency Management/Administrative Support Services**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support

**Purpose:** Agency management and administration provides agency-wide leadership and operational support in health assessment and policy development consistent with the Department of Health's mission, which is to help Washingtonians to live healthier lives by empowering individuals and communities to make informed health choices. This function includes the Secretary of Health's Office, which provides governmental relations, quality improvement, minority affairs, policy, planning and communications to the Department. Also included are financial services, contracts management and procurement, human resources, information services, risk management, and capital programs and facilities management.

<b>Activity / Function:</b> Clinical/Environmental Microbiology	\$3,409,134	\$1,431,090	\$4,840,224	30.2
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health monitors communicable and infectious disease agents of public health concern through laboratory based assessment data. The Microbiology Unit provides leadership on public health issues related to communicable diseases/infectious disease agents by providing early warning of emergent diseases via laboratory based testing. The Unit provides information to epidemiologists, local health jurisdictions, hospitals, physicians, and other health care providers involved in investigating and monitoring communicable and environmental disease outbreaks and trends. The unit includes technical support such as laboratory glassware cleaning, culture media preparation and the mailroom.

<b>Activity / Function:</b> Collection and Dissemination of Health Statistics	\$2,728,267	\$2,273,213	\$5,001,480	37.1
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health collects information and assures its quality to identify trends, disseminate data and statistics, and determine public health needs using vital records, survey data, and other reporting forms. The Department, in addition, corrects and modifies records to accommodate changes in paternity, parentage through adoption, legal names by court orders, and any item provided incorrectly by data providers. Principal data providers are hospitals, physicians, medical examiners/coroners, and survey responders. Certified copies of birth, death, marriage, and divorce records are issued to the general public.

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\$0	\$2,866,894	\$2,866,894	9.9

**Activity / Function:** Collection and Maintenance of Hospital and Patient Data**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health collects, maintains, analyzes, and disseminates hospital patient discharge and hospital financial utilization data that are useful for conducting public health work and improving the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for the citizens of Washington. This data is provided, as it is appropriate, to internal and external policy makers, managers, researchers, and the general public health consumer upon request.

**Activity / Function:** Community Wellness and Prevention

\$8,516,972	\$261,998,069	\$270,515,041	86.1
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Office of Community Wellness and Prevention is designed to reduce preventable risk factors for chronic diseases and injury, and provide food and nutritional services for vulnerable populations. Community Wellness and Prevention works to minimize the use of tobacco and to promote physical activity and healthy eating practices. Heart diseases, cancer, diabetes, unintentional injury, and violence are specifically targeted with program efforts.

**Activity / Function:** Development of EMS/Trauma Care Systems

\$12,051,397	\$15,188,790	\$27,240,187	28.4
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health promotes a statewide trauma care system to assure timely and appropriate delivery of emergency medical treatment for people with acute illness and traumatic injury. The trauma care system provides guidance and assistance to communities in developing and identifying facilities to provide trauma care.

**Activity / Function:** Drinking Water Protection

\$4,039,917	\$25,157,534	\$29,197,451	117.4
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Drinking Water Protection Program provides technical assistance, inspection, and water system plan review for public water systems with 15 or more households connected to them, to protect the quality of drinking water for Washington's citizens and visitors. This program also contributes to the conservation and reuse efforts associated with salmon recovery.

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\$3,459,707	\$701,020	\$4,160,727	27.3

**Activity / Function:** Environmental Health and Safety**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health provides information/education on health effects of pesticides exposure; oversees the cleanup of illegal drug labs; and operates the Hanford Health Information Network. This program also provides supervision and technical assistance to Local Health Jurisdictions in monitoring wastewater treatment and disposal and other services designed to protect the people of Washington from environmental hazards causing illness and injury.

<b>Activity / Function:</b> Environmental Health Assessment	\$694,650	\$2,657,175	\$3,351,825	20.5
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Environmental Health Assessment Program provides investigations, technical consultations, and toxicological and epidemiological expertise in risk assessment for state agencies and local health jurisdictions. Also, included is Regulatory Reform, which reforms the development of new regulations, the repeal of existing regulations, technical assistance to regulated communities, and the nature of the enforcement actions.

<b>Activity / Function:</b> Environmental Laboratory Sciences	\$2,176,287	\$1,202,392	\$3,378,679	28.2
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health staff provides laboratory certification for drinking water to private and public laboratories in support of the Drinking Water Program. Staff also provide laboratory analysis and technical support to the Department's Environmental Health Division and technical support to other governmental agencies and private laboratories that provide environmental services.

<b>Activity / Function:</b> Financial and Technical Assistance to Rural Health Communities	\$2,542,135	\$1,045,391	\$3,587,526	15.2
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health provides financial and technical assistance to rural and medically underserved communities engaged in health system development. The objective is to assure access to adequate medical care for all residents of Washington.

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\$4,639,500	\$226,123	\$4,865,623	31.3

**Activity / Function:** Food Safety and Shellfish Protection**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Food Safety and Shellfish Protection Program provides supervision and technical assistance in statewide food safety as well as aiding in food borne illness investigations of outbreaks. The Program also monitors shellfish growing areas, identifies pollution sources, analyzes shellfish samples, inspects commercial shellfish operations, and educates the public to prevent illness caused by ingesting contaminated shellfish.

**Activity / Function:** Funding Support for Local Public Health-Public Health Improvement Plan

\$3,474,000	\$12,242,000	\$15,716,000	0.0
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health provides funding to 33 local government health jurisdictions so that local health officials may address urgent public health needs in their communities.

**Activity / Function:** Health Care Facility and Services Licensing

\$1,555,203	\$9,761,298	\$11,316,501	69.4
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**Statewide Category:** Business, Employment and Consumer Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health inspects and licenses over 7,200 health and residential care facilities and services across the state to assure that statewide health and safety standards established by the Department are understood and observed. This program also provides technical assistance where needed, investigates complaints, and serves as the designated federal agent for approval and licensure under the federal clinical Laboratory Inspection Act.

**Activity / Function:** Infectious Disease Prevention and Reproductive Health

\$34,829,418	\$40,351,878	\$75,181,296	70.4
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health monitors the occurrence of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and unintended pregnancies. The agency provides educational programs and materials to reduce the number of incidents and preventable consequences, and provides some direct patient services. In addition, the Department of Health provides disease surveillance and technical assistance to the Local Health Jurisdictions.

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\$1,206,621	\$993,979	\$2,200,600	14.4

**Activity / Function:** Management - Epidemiology, Health Statistics and Public Health Lab**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support**Purpose:** This unit provides operational support, strategic direction and leadership to the Division of Epidemiology, Health Statistics and Public Health Lab.**Activity / Function:** Management - Health Systems Quality Assurance Program

\$537,165	\$942,472	\$1,479,637	7.4
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**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support**Purpose:** Management staff promote an effective partnership among the Department of Health, professional licensing boards, the public, health professions, and health facilities.**Activity / Function:** Management - Public Health Laboratories

\$1,802,048	\$1,569,056	\$3,371,104	8.4
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**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support**Purpose:** This activity provides operational assistance, strategic direction and leadership to the Public Health Laboratories. There are three major laboratories within a single 62,000 sq. ft. facility: Clinical/Environmental Microbiology, Newborn Screening, and Radiation/Environmental Chemistry. Operational support includes maintenance of buildings and grounds, technical training, quality assurance, administrative support and information services.**Activity / Function:** Management and Program Support - Community and Family Health Program

\$1,501,430	\$3,777,421	\$5,278,851	18.7
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**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support**Purpose:** This activity represents the costs of agency-wide support for health education, health promotion and management, administrative support, policy development and coordination, assessment coordination, including direct support to the Assistant Secretary of the Division.

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\$1,189,980	\$2,587,441	\$3,777,421	22.7

**Activity / Function:** Management and Program Support- Environmental Health Program**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support

**Purpose:** This activity includes executive leadership, management, and administrative support to the Environmental Health Programs in the Department of Health, assisting in building work teams composed of local and state staff to problem solve and assist in conflict resolution between local jurisdictions and the state.

**Activity / Function:** Policy Development and Oversight - Board of Health

\$1,033,647	\$0	\$1,033,647	5.6
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**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support

**Purpose:** The State Board of Health is composed of ten members: nine are appointed by the Governor, and the tenth is the Secretary of the Department of Health. The Board's legislative mandate is to promote and assess the quality, cost and accessibility of health care throughout the state. The Board facilitates the development of health policy in Washington, and protects the public health by developing and adopting rules for local governments to implement.

**Activity / Function:** Promotion of Improved Maternal and Child Health Communities

\$28,722,399	\$39,539,643	\$68,262,042	72.5
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** Maternal and Child Health Services provides: training, technical assistance, funding, and vaccine distribution to 33 local health jurisdictions and non-profit corporations to support and encourage the optimal health of women of childbearing age, infants, children, adolescents and families. There is a particular focus on pregnant women and children with special health care needs and childhood immunization.

**Activity / Function:** Radiation Protection

\$15,900	\$9,309,343	\$9,325,243	60.3
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Radiation Protection Program licenses and regulates the use of radioactive materials and X-ray machinery in Washington State to protect the public from harmful effects of radiation, and keep human exposure to radiation at levels as low as are reasonably achievable.

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\$414,030	\$34,122,987	\$34,537,017	208.1

**Activity / Function:** Regulation of Health Professions**Statewide Category:** Business, Employment and Consumer Services

**Purpose:** The Department of Health oversees the registration, licensing and certification required by state law for over 240,000 health care professionals operating in Washington State, including physicians, nurses, dentists, and acupuncturists. Responsibilities include staffing boards, committees and commissions which govern practices and discipline in the professions, as well as testing new applicants.

<b>Activity / Function:</b> Screening Newborns for Serious Diseases	\$24,867	\$6,349,966	\$6,374,833	24.0
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Newborn Screening Program in the State Public Health Laboratory screens every infant born in Washington for phenylketonuria, congenital hypothyroidism, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, and hemoglobinopathies such as sickle cell disease. The program assures that all infants affected with these diseases receive prompt diagnosis and treatment.

<b>Activity / Function:</b> Technical Assistance in Epidemiology & Communicable Diseases	\$2,169,271	\$355,972	\$2,525,243	13.3
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**Statewide Category:** Health Services

**Purpose:** The Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases program conducts surveillance of communicable and non-infectious conditions and other health-related events in Washington State, and provides technical assistance and advice to local public health departments, physicians, hospitals and others in developing and implementing prevention and control programs.

<b>Total Reported:</b>	26	TOTALS	\$133,772,092	\$496,979,041	\$630,751,133	1,186.6
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